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Question: What happens after I submit my Expedited Approval Program Site Security Plan (EAP SSP)?

Answer: DHS has 100 days to review your facility's EAP SSP after submission. Once DHS has reviewed the EAP SSP, two immediate possible outcomes can occur.

If the review is satisfactory, DHS will issue a "letter of acceptance" that notifies the facility they have met all the requirements outlined in the Guidance. The facility will also receive a letter of acceptance if DHS fails to review the submission within 100 days. The facility will then enter the regular compliance inspection cycle.

If the review is not satisfactory, the facility will be issued a letter of facial deficiency and must re-enter the regular Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) process. If the facility has not previously submitted a SSP or Alternative Security Program (ASP), the facility must submit an SSP or ASP through the regular CFATS program by the date specified in the facility's letter of facial deficiency. If the facility had previously submitted an SSP or ASP before entering the EAP, the facility will re-enter the regular CFATS program at the stage at which it left the process, unless it specifically requests to begin again.

6 U.S.C. § 622(c)(4)